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COMMITTEE, CUBAN STATEMENT ON SELF-DETERMINATION
AND INDEPENDENCE

1. CUBAN STATEMENT NOV 12 IN THIRD COMITE DISCUSSION OF
SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE WAS RELATIVELY TEMPERATE
AND MUCH Milder THAN LAST YEAR'S DIATRIBE BY PERMREP
ALARCON ON PUERTO RICAN "POLITICAL PRISONERS." HE TOUCHED
ON STANDARD CUBAN THEMES RE PUERTO RICO, STATING THAT 75
YEARS OF MILITARY OCCUPATION, INTENSE CULTURAL INTRUSION
AND ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION HAVE NOT SUBDUED STRUGGLE FOR
SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE. HE LISTED, AS USUAL,
NAMES OF IMPRISONED PUERTO RICAN TERRORISTS, TERMING
THEM "OLDEST POLITICAL DETAINEES ON CONTINENT." IN
UNSTATED RECOGNITION OF ECONOMIC BENEFITS REDOUNDING TO
PUERTO RICO FROM RELATIONSHIP TO US, HE ADDED THAT "MYTH
OF THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE" CANNOT PREVENT ACHIEVEMENT OF
INDEPENDENCE. HE ALSO REFERRED TO US COLONIAL ENCLAVE IN
PANAMA SUPPORTED BY MILITARY PRESENCE. STATEMENTS WERE IN
CONTEXT OF LONG LISTING OF COLONIAL ABUSES THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD AND US NOT SINGLED OUT FOR PARTICULARLY HARSH
TREATMENT. US DEL DID NOT RESPOND.

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